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REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 16-33, 35 and 40-46 are presently pending. Claims 12-15, 34 and 36-39 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 2-3, 24 and 33 were objected to on the basis of technical objections thereto. Claims 5-8 and 29-32 were objected to. However, these Claims were indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended in independent form to include the limitations of the base Claim and the intervening Claims. Claims 1-4 and 25-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishizu ('732) in view of Tanuma ('368). Claims 9-24 and 33-46 were allowed.

The Examiner's indication of allowed and allowable Claims is gratefully acknowledged.

An Affidavit Under Rule 1.131 is submitted herewith to establish a date of invention that pre-dates the effective date of Ishizu ('732). Accordingly, Claims 1-8 and 25-32 should now be in condition for allowance, as well.

Reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the required fee(s), if any, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 50-0616.

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